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This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 12, 2007.

The Applicant acknowledges the restriction requirement dividing selected ones of the claims into nine separate groups.

The Applicant elects Group I including Claims 5 and 6, with traverse.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction be withdrawn with respect to Groups III, IV, IX and IX. In that regard, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims in Groups III and IV should be included with Group I inasmuch as they cover compositions comprising the molecules of Group I. Similarly, the claims of Groups VIII and IX cover antibodies directed to the molecules of Group I. The Applicant respectfully submits that there is no undue burden upon the PTO to search and examine such related subject matter. Withdrawal of at least that portion of the restriction is respectfully requested.

The Applicant respectfully requests prompt examination of the claims of Group I, as well as those of Groups III, IV, VIII and IX.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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